

CONSOLIDATED RECORD OF FOREST LANDS

ಅರಣ್ಯ ಭೂಮಿಗಳ ಕ್ರೋಢೀಕೃತ ದಾಖಲೆ

WORKSHOP 21-03-2025



Background

- ❖ **Rule 16 (1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023**
- ❖ **In furtherance of the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 19th February, 2024 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1164 of 2023**



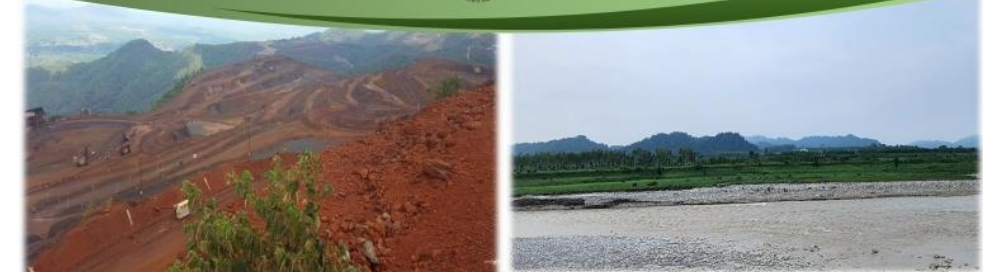
CONSOLIDATED GUIDELINES AND CLARIFICATIONS

issued under

**VAN (SANRAKSHAN EVAM
SAMVARDHAN) ADHINIYAM, 1980**

and

**VAN (SANRAKSHAN EVAM
SAMVARDHAN) RULES, 2023**



Government of India

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

1A. Act to cover certain land.— (1) The following land shall be covered under the provisions of this Act, namely:-

(a) that has been **declared or notified** as a forest in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under any other law for the time being in force;

(b) that is not covered under clause (a), but has been **recorded in Government record as forest**, as on or after the 25th October, 1980: Provided that the provisions of this clause shall not apply to such land, which has been changed from forest use to use for non-forest purpose on or before the **12th December, 1996** in pursuance of an order, issued by any authority authorised by a State Government or an Union territory Administration in that behalf.

Explanation.— (i) For the purposes of this sub-section, the expression ‘Government record’ means record held by Revenue Department or Forest Department of the State Government or Union territory Administration or any authority, local body, community or council recognised by the State Government or Union territory Administration;

16. Miscellaneous.— (1) For the purpose of explanation of government records provided under subsection (1) of section 1A of the Adhiniyam, the State Governments and Union territory Administrations, within a period of one year, **shall prepare a consolidated record of such lands**, including the **forest like areas** identified by the Expert Committee constituted for this purpose, unclassed forest lands or community forest lands on which the provisions of the Adhiniyam shall be applicable.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

Writ Petition (Civil) No 1164 of 2023

266121

Ashok Kumar Sharma, Indian Forest Service
(Retired) and Others

Versus

Union of India and Another

... Petitioners
Certified to be true Copy
Assistant Registrar (Judl.)
6/3/20
Supreme Court of India
... Respondents

WITH

Writ Petition (Civil) No 1336 of 2023

Writ Petition (Civil) No 1375 of 2023

Writ Petition (Civil) No 42 of 2024

Writ Petition (Civil) No 85 of 2024

ORDER

1 In *T N Godavarman Thirumulpad vs Union of India*¹, this Court while noting that the Forest Conservation Act 1980 was enacted to curb the deforestation which results in an ecological imbalance, indicated that the

1 (1997) 2 SCC 267

2 The directions which were issued by this Court, included the following:

- (i) The necessity of prior approval of the Central Government for any non-forest activity within the area of any "forest"; and
- (ii) A mandamus to the State Governments to constitute Expert Committees to:
 - (a) Identify areas which are forests irrespective of whether they are so notified, recognized or classified under any law and irrespective of the ownership of the land;
 - (b) Identify areas which were earlier forests, but were degraded, denuded or cleared; and
 - (c) Identify areas covered by plantation trees belonging to the government and those belonging to private persons.

3 Further directions were issued in the judgment of this Court in *T N Godavarman Thirumulpad vs Union of India [Lafarge Umiam Mining Private Limited - Applicant]*².

4 The process of identification of forests was crucial to the implementation of the directions which were issued by this Court. The purpose of identification was to ensure that the areas which fell within the description of 'forests' as

2 (2011) 7 SCC 338

in pursuance of the directions in *T N Godavarman*.

22 All States and Union Territory Administrations shall comply with the present direction by forwarding records of the reports of the Expert Committees to MoEFCC no later than by 31 March 2024. These records shall be maintained by MoEFCC and shall be duly digitized and made available in the electronic format on the website of the MoEFCC no later than by 15 April 2024.

23 The Expert Committees which are constituted in pursuance of Rule 16 by the States/Union Territory Administrations shall duly bear in mind the work of identification which was carried out by the Expert Committees in pursuance of the directions in *T N Godavarman*. This shall however not preclude the Expert Committees from expanding the ambit of forest lands which are worthy of protection particularly having regard to the coverage as specified in Section 1A of the amended statute read with Rule 16(1).

24 Apart from the above directions, the attention of the Court has been drawn to the provisions contained in Section 5 of the Amending Act of 2023 which is in the following terms:

"5. In the principal Act, section 2 shall be renumbered as sub-section (1) thereof and—

(a) in sub-section (1) as so renumbered,—

(I) in clause (iii), for the words "not owned, managed or controlled by Government", the words ", subject to such terms and conditions, as the Central Government may, by order, specify" shall be substituted;

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

WRIT PETITION(S)(CIVIL) NO(S). 1164/2023

ASHOK KUMAR SHARMA, INDIAN FOREST SERVICE
(RETD) & ORS.

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ANR.

RESPONDENT(S)

[IA No. 133296/2024 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
IA No. 134865/2024 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
IA No. 134867/2024 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 115428/2024 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 10020/2024 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 133300/2024 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 133298/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 207035/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 115430/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 133301/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 133297/2024 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
IA No. 157284/2024 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
IA No. 134866/2024 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
IA No. 108937/2024 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
IA No. 166299/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 209063/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 108949/2024 - PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON
IA No. 28902/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES
IA No. 240922/2023 - STAY APPLICATION
IA No. 214764/2023 - STAY APPLICATION)

WITH

W.P.(C) No. 1336/2023 (PIL-W)
(IA No. 22042/2024 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 209243/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 10426/2024 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES
IA No. 44469/2024 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES
IA No. 247593/2023 - STAY APPLICATION

W.P.(C) No. 1375/2023 (PIL-W)
(IA No. 217032/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

W.P.(C) No. 42/2024 (PIL-W)
(IA No. 14901/2024 - GRANT OF INTERIM RELIEF

period. While doing so, the State Governments/Union Territories would also be bound to follow the guidelines as issued by this Court in its order dated 6th July, 2011 in the case of Lafarge Umiam Mining Private Limited, (2011) 7 SCC 338, which reads thus:-

“(vii) Creation and regular updating of a GIS based decision support database, tentatively containing inter alia the district-wise details of the location and boundary of (i) each plot of land that may be defined as forest for the purpose of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980; (ii) the core, buffer and eco-sensitive zone of the protected areas constituted as per the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972; (iii) the important migratory corridors for wildlife; and (iv) the forest land diverted for non-forest purpose in the past in the district. The Survey of India toposheets in digital format, the forest cover maps prepared by the Forest Survey of India in preparation of the successive State of Forest Reports and the conditions stipulated in the approvals accorded under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for each case of diversion of forest land in the district will also be part of the proposed decision support database.”

10. We, therefore, direct all the State Governments and the Union Territories, in which the Experts Committees have not yet been constituted, to constitute such committees within a period of one month from today. The said committees shall complete the exercise, as required under Rule 16(1) of the Rules of 2023 along with the directions issued by this Court in the case of Lafarge Umiam Mining Private Limited (supra), within a period of six months from today and submit a report to the Union of India.

11. The Union of India shall consolidate the reports, prepare state-wise position and place the same before this Court.

12. In the meantime, we reiterate the statement made by the then learned Additional Solicitor General of India, which was recorded by this Court in the order dated 30th November, 2023 as well as the directions issued by this Court in paragraph 18 of the order dated 19th February, 2024 and also the directions which were issued by this Court in its order dated 3rd February, 2025.

13. List on 09.09.2025.

14. The Registrar concerned of this Court shall communicate this order to the Chief Secretary of all the State Governments and also to the Administrator of all the Union Territories.

15. We clarify that if the aforesaid directions are not complied with in letter and spirit by the State Governments and the Union

Territories before the next date, we will hold Chief Secretaries/Administrators concerned personally responsible for the said lapse and consider taking such steps as would be found appropriate in the circumstances.

(NARENDRA PRASAD)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(ANJU KAPOOR)
COURT MASTER

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Subject To constitute Expert Committees at the District Level, Revenue Divisional Level and the State Level, to prepare consolidated record of lands on which the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 with Amendments made in 1988 and 2023 is applicable, in pursuance of the Rule 16 (1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023 and in furtherance of the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 19.02.2024 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1164 of 2023 read with WP (C) No. 202 of 1995 thereof.

Read 1. Government order No: FEE 185 FAF 2011, Bangalore, Dated: 15.05.2014
2. Government order No.: FEE 185 FAF 2011, Bangalore, Dated: 05.05.2022
3. Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 with Amendments made in 1988 and 2023 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023
4. The Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 19th February, 2024 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1164 of 2023

PREAMBLE:

1. Hon'ble Supreme Court in T N Godavarman Thirumulpad vs Union of India and others in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202 of 1995 case had directed the State Governments to constitute Expert Committees to inter-alia identify areas, which are forests irrespective of whether they are so notified, recognized or classified under any law and irrespective of the ownership of the land.

Accordingly, Govt. of Karnataka had constituted Expert Committee-I vide its Order No. FEE 2 FFM 97 dated 10.01.1997 with a mandate to study and submit the report as per the directions of Apex Court Order dated 12.12.1996. The Expert Committee-I submitted its report to Government on 02.04.1997.

After examining the report of Expert Committee-I, Government of Karnataka, had filed an Affidavit before Hon'ble Supreme Court on 05.04.1997 read with Affidavit dated 25.09.1997 based on the recommendations of Expert Committee-I.

The Central Empowered Committee (CEC) of the Supreme Court of India had made certain observations pertaining to the information submitted in the said affidavit and in view of these observations of CEC, the Government vide its Order No. FEE 270 FGL 2002 dated 25.09.2002 had constituted Revised Expert Committee-I to submit a report. Accordingly, the Revised Expert Committee-I had categorised the 'forest' into 'Notified Forests' (33,23,854 Ha) and 'Deemed Forests' (9,94,881 Ha).

2. Government of Karnataka vide its Order No. FEE 185 FAF 2011, Bangalore, dated: 15.05.2014 read at (1) had constituted the District Level Committees, the Revenue Divisional Level Committees and the State Level Committees to verify / review the areas included as 'Deemed Forests' in the report of Revised Expert Committee-I. The

Now, in light of the above facts, the Government of the Karnataka has examined all aspects and decided to issue the following order:-

GOVERNMENT ORDER NO: FEE 185 FAF 2011, Bangalore, dated:06-03-2025

After careful examination of all the above aspects and in pursuance of the Rule 16 (1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023 and in furtherance of the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 19th February, 2024 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1164 of 2023, the Government constitutes the following committees:

(A) District Level Committee:

- a) Deputy Commissioners of the District - Chairperson
- b) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat
- c) Deputy Conservator of Forests (Territorial) at District Headquarters - Convenor
- d) Deputy Conservator of Forests (Territorial)/Wildlife, where the district has two or more divisions.
- e) Deputy Directors of Land Records concerned.
- f) Deputy Director, Horticulture Department
- g) District Social Welfare Officer

(B) Revenue Divisional Level Committee:

- a) Regional Commissioner of the Revenue Division- Chairperson
- b) Chief Conservator of Forests of the Forest Circle stationed at Revenue Divisional Headquarters - Convenor.
- c) Chief Conservators of Forests of the Territorial Circles in the Revenue Division.
- d) Joint Directors of Land Records

(C) State Level Committee:

- a) Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary to Government, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department- Chairperson
- b) Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue Department – Co-Chairperson
- c) Principal Secretary, Horticulture Department, Bengaluru
- d) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)
- e) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (EWPRT & CC)
- f) Revenue Commissioner, Revenue Commissionerate, Bengaluru
- g) Commissioner for Survey Settlement and Land Records
- h) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Land Records
- i) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Working Plan - Convenor

1. The Expert Committees at the District Level, Revenue Divisional Level and the State Level shall prepare consolidated record of lands on which the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, with Amendments made in 1988 and 2023, is applicable. These Expert Committees while carrying out the said task shall have to categorise forests

into three mutually exclusive categories {declared or notified, recorded in Government records, Forests like areas (Deemed Forests)} as mentioned in para 4 of the preamble.

2. Following shall be the **Terms of Reference (ToR)** of the District Level Committee (DLC): -
 - a. To prepare consolidated record of lands **declared** or **notified** as Forests as per the provisions of Karnataka Forest Act 1963, Karnataka Forest Rules 1969 or under any other law for the time being in force.
 - b. To prepare consolidated record of lands that have not been covered under 'a' of this Para but, have been **recorded** in Government record as Forest as on or after the 25th October, 1980, subject to the proviso and the explanation mentioned in the Section 1A(1)(b) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 with Amendments made in 1988 and 2023.
 - c. To prepare consolidated record of lands which are Forests like areas (Forests as understood in the **dictionary sense** (Deemed Forests)) by reviewing, verifying and revising the Deemed Forests notified vide Government Order No: FEE 185 FAF 2011, Bengaluru, dated 05.05.2022.

With regard to ToR, the DLC shall refer to para (6) of the preamble of this Government Order and shall also refer to Government Order No: FEE 185 FAF 2011 Bangalore, dated 15.05.2014 for any clarity required while preparing the said consolidated record of forest lands.

DLC shall duly bear in mind the work of identification, which was carried out by the Expert Committees in pursuance of the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP No. 202/1995 (T N Godavarman Thirumulpad vs Union of India). (i.e. (1) Expert Committee-I (2) Revised Expert Committee-I (3) District Level Committees; Revenue Divisional Level Committees and State Level Committees).

The DLCs shall also work as per the guidelines/ clarifications issued by the State level Committee.

3. The DLCs will organise field teams to prepare consolidated record of forests like areas (Forests as understood in the **dictionary sense** (Deemed Forests)) by reviewing, verifying and revising the Deemed Forests list declared, vide Government order No.: FEE 185 FAF 2011, Bangalore, Dated: 05.05.2022. The field criteria at para (11) of the preamble of the Government order No. : FEE 185 FAF 2011, Bangalore, Dated: 15.05.2014, shall be applied while finalising the said list.

The consolidated record of forest lands prepared by District Level Committees should be placed before Hon'ble District In-charge Minister for review, subsequent to which it shall be placed in the District KDP Meeting before submitting it to State level Committee, through the Revenue Divisional Committee.

The District Level Committees may meet as many times as required. But a monthly review is mandatory, as the task assigned herein should be completed within six months.

4. The Revenue Divisional Level Committee will review, monthly, the progress of the District Level Committees.
5. The State level Committee will review the progress and issue further guidelines / clarifications as deemed necessary for preparation of consolidated record of forest lands.

Objective

Prepare consolidated record of lands on which the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, with Amendments made in 1988 and 2023, **is applicable.**

Categorize forests into three mutually exclusive categories

1. Declared or Notified,
2. Recorded in Government records,
3. Forests like areas (Deemed Forests)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Subject: Constitution of District, Divisional and State Level Committees for verification and finalisation of village and survey number wise extent of deemed forest areas in the State - reg.

READ: 1. Government Order No. FEE 2 FFM 1997, dated: 10.01.1997.
2. Government Order No. FEE 270 FGI, 2002, dated: 25.09.2002.

PREAMBLE:

The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 (Central Act) is enacted to conserve the dwindling forest resources in the country. Section (2) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 puts some restrictions on the de-reservation of forests or use of forest land for non-forest activities.

2. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in WP (Civil) 202/1995 (Godavarman Thirumulpad vs Union of India & others) has defined the scope of 'forest' and 'forest land' as mentioned in the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide its order dated 12/12/1996 as under:

it has emerged at the hearing, that there is a misconception in certain quarters about the true scope of Forest(Conservation) Act-1980 (for short the 'Act') and the meaning of the word 'forest' used therein. There is also a resulting misconception about the need of prior approval of the Central Government, as required by Section 2 of the Act, in respect of certain activities in the forest area which are more often of a commercial nature. It is necessary to clarify that position.

The Forest Conservation Act, 1980 was enacted with a view to check further deforestation which ultimately results in ecological imbalance; and therefore the provisions made therein for the conservation of forests and for matters connected herewith must apply to all forests irrespective of the nature of ownership or classification thereof. The word 'Forest' must be understood according to its dictionary meaning. This description covers all statutorily recognised forests, whether designated as reserved, protected or otherwise for the purpose of Section 2(1) of the Forest Conservation Act. The term 'forest land', occurring in Section 2, will not only include "forest" as understood in the dictionary sense, but also any area recorded as 'forest' in the Government record irrespective of the ownership. This is how it has to be understood for the purpose of Section 2 of the Act. The provisions enacted in the Forest Conservation Act-1980 for the conservation of forests and the matters connected therewith must apply clearly to all forests so understood irrespective of the ownership or classification thereof.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court further ordered that

"Each State Government should constitute within one month an Expert Committee to:

- identify areas which are 'forests' irrespective of whether they are so notified, recognised or classified under any law and irrespective of the ownership of the land of such forest;

11. In the light of the directions of Apex Court vide its order dated 12/12/1996 to have more clarity on the issue of identification of forest in Karnataka state, the whole issue may be dealt as follows.

- Statutorily recognised 'forests' ('Notified Forests' in CEC criteria): The details of the statutorily recognised 'forests' in the State of Karnataka are as follows:

Class	Statutory Provisions
1 Reserved Forests	<p>i) As per section 2 (14) in the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963, 'Reserved forest' means any land settled and notified as such in accordance with the provisions of chapter II of the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963;</p> <p>ii) As per section 23 in the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963, any forest which has been notified as a state forest under the Mysore Forest Act, 1900, or as a reserved forest under the Indian Forest Act, 1927, the Madras Forest Act, 1882, or the Hyderabad Forest Act, 1355 F., prior to the date on which this Act comes into force, shall be a reserved forest under the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963.</p>
2 Village Forests	<p>As per section 2 (22) in the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963, 'Village forest' means any land notified as such in accordance with the provisions of chapter III of the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963;</p>
3 District Forests	<p>As per section 2 (2) in the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963, the 'District forest' includes all land at the disposal of Government not included within the limits of any reserved or village forest nor assigned at the survey settlement as free grazing ground or for any other public or communal purposes; Provided that it shall be competent for the State Government to modify or set aside such assignment and constitute any such land as reserved, village or district forest or devote the same to any other purpose it may deem fit :</p> <p>1. Protected Forests:</p> <p>(i). As per section 2 (13) in the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963, 'Protected forest' means any area at the disposal of Government which has been placed under special protection under clause (ii) of sub-section (2) of section 33 or is declared to be a protected forest under section 35;</p> <p>ii) As per section 35 in the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963, any forest in the state which has been notified as 'minor forest' under the Mysore Forest Act, 1900, or as 'protected forest' under the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or the Hyderabad Forest Act, 1355 F., prior to the date on which this Act comes into force, shall be a protected forest under this Act and the provisions applicable to a protected forest shall be applicable to such forests. As per rule 31 in the Karnataka Forest Rules, 1969, the rules for the management of district forests shall, mutatis - mutandis, be applicable to Protected Forests.</p>

		<p>2. Sub-section (2) of Section 79 of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964 (Act No. 12 of 1964) reads as follows: "(2). Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) but subject to such general or special orders that may be issued by the State Government from time to time the privileges that are being enjoyed either by custom or under any order such as privileges in respect of Kumki lands, Bane lands and Kane lands in South Kanara District, Betta lands and Hadi lands in North Kanara District, Kan and Soppina Betta lands in Mysore area, Jamma and Bane lands in Coorg District and motasthal wet lands in Hyderabad Area shall continue."</p> <p>Sub-section (3) of Section 94-B of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964 (Act No. 12 of 1964) reads as follows: "94-B. Grant of land in certain cases: XXXX (3). Nothing in this section shall apply to forest land except any land referred to in sub-section (2) of Section 79 which is classified as forest land."</p> <p>3. under clause (f) of sub-section (1) of section 143 of the Coorg Land and Revenue Regulation, 1899, made rules for the regulation of certain matters relating to paisari lands, vide notification No. 79, dated 30th September 1901. Forest Paisari lands are forests.</p> <p>4. Any area set apart for forest reserve under Section 71 of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964.</p> <p>5. Any area reserved and transferred to the forest department under the provisions in sub-section (3) of section 77 of the Karnataka Land Reforms Act, 1961.</p> <p>5. All the land parcels notified in the Official Gazette under the provisions of Section 4 of the relevant Forest Act, which are in the process of Forest settlement for the final notification as 'Reserved Forest' under Section (17) of Karnataka Forest Act, 1963.</p>
4	Private Forests	<p>i) As per section 36 in the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963, any land containing trees and shrubs, pasture lands and any land whatsoever which the state government may, by notification under this section, declare to be a forest, is a private forest.</p> <p>ii) As per section 39 in the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963, any land notified by the State Government under this section for the protection of forests for special purposes is a private forest.</p>

- b) **Areas recorded as 'forests' in the Government records:** All the land parcels that are recorded as forest, aranya, kadu, marakadu, jungle etc., (i) in the land records (RTC Pahan etc.) maintained under the provisions of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964 (Act No. 12 of 1964) and allied statutes till 30th June 1981; (ii). All classes of lands in the survey settlement records prepared during the process of land revenue settlement; (iii). Forest Working Plans; (iv). District Census Handbooks of all the districts in the State of Karnataka; (v) All classes of lands designated as forests in the Karnataka Revenue Survey Manual, could be defined as "forest" for the purpose of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

c) **'Forests' as understood in the dictionary sense:**

The following field criteria is approved by the Government for determining the 'Forests' as understood in the dictionary sense (i) All Government land parcels (excluding those which are "statutory forests" and "forests as per Government records"), of an area of two hectares and above having at least a density of 50 naturally grown trees per hectare, of gbh of 30 cm and above (OR) All plantations on Government lands of an area of 2 Ha and above (excluding those which are "statutory forests" and "forests as per Government records") with a minimum density of 100 planted trees/ Ha of gbh of 30 cm and above. (gbh is girth of tree at breast measured at a height of 4.5 feet from ground)

- d) Plantations of any kind on private lands shall not be considered as 'forests'. Private lands with naturally grown trees, with 50 trees per hectare of gbh 30 cm and above, on an extent of 5Ha and above shall only be treated as "private forests".

12. After exclusion of all the above 'forests', the remaining areas out of the lands at the disposal of Govt., as per the definition of "District Forests" under Section 2(2) of the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 can be excluded from the purview of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 after seeking necessary orders from Apex Court by filing an Affidavit/Interlocutory Application in the Court in WP(Civil) 202/1995 with proper justification for such exclusion. The lands so excluded shall be reserved for public purpose like Health, Education, Irrigation, Social Welfare, Rural Housing and essential Rural Infrastructure.

Now, the Government of Karnataka examined all the aspects in the light of the above facts and decided to issue the following order:-

GOVERNMENT ORDER NO: FEE 185 FAF 2011
BANGALORE, DATED: 15-05-2014

After careful examination all the aspects and to ensure compliance of the order of the Supreme Court dated 12/02/1996 the Government constitutes the following committees:

The Committees will verify/review the areas included as 'Deemed Forests' in the report of Revised Expert Committee-I. The total extent of deemed forests should be categorised into a) statutory forests b) recorded as "forests" in Government records c) areas which are 'forests' as per dictionary definition based on field verification as per the criteria and methodology approved at Para (11) of Preamble. The Committees will also consider those areas not included in the Revised Expert Committee report as deemed forest, but eligible for inclusion based on Government records or approved field criteria.

(A) District Level Committee:

- Deputy Commissioners of the District.
- Deputy Conservator of Forests (territorial) at District Headquarters – Convenor.
- Deputy Conservator of Forests (territorial)/Wildlife, where the district has two or more divisions.
- Deputy Directors of Land Records concerned.

Deemed Forest lands list has to be re-visited due to the following reasons

i. Some of the areas included in this list **do not meet the criteria**

ii. Some of the areas which qualify to be Deemed Forests, **have not been included** in the said list.

iii. Some of the areas which are **declared or notified or recorded as forest have been included** in the said list

iv. Exact identification of Deemed Forests **on ground has not been carried out.**

District Level Committees (DLCs) shall review/ verify the Deemed Forests list declared vide Government Order No: FEE 185 FAF 2011, Bengaluru, dated 05.05.2022 and revise the list by

Removing areas which do not fulfil the field criteria

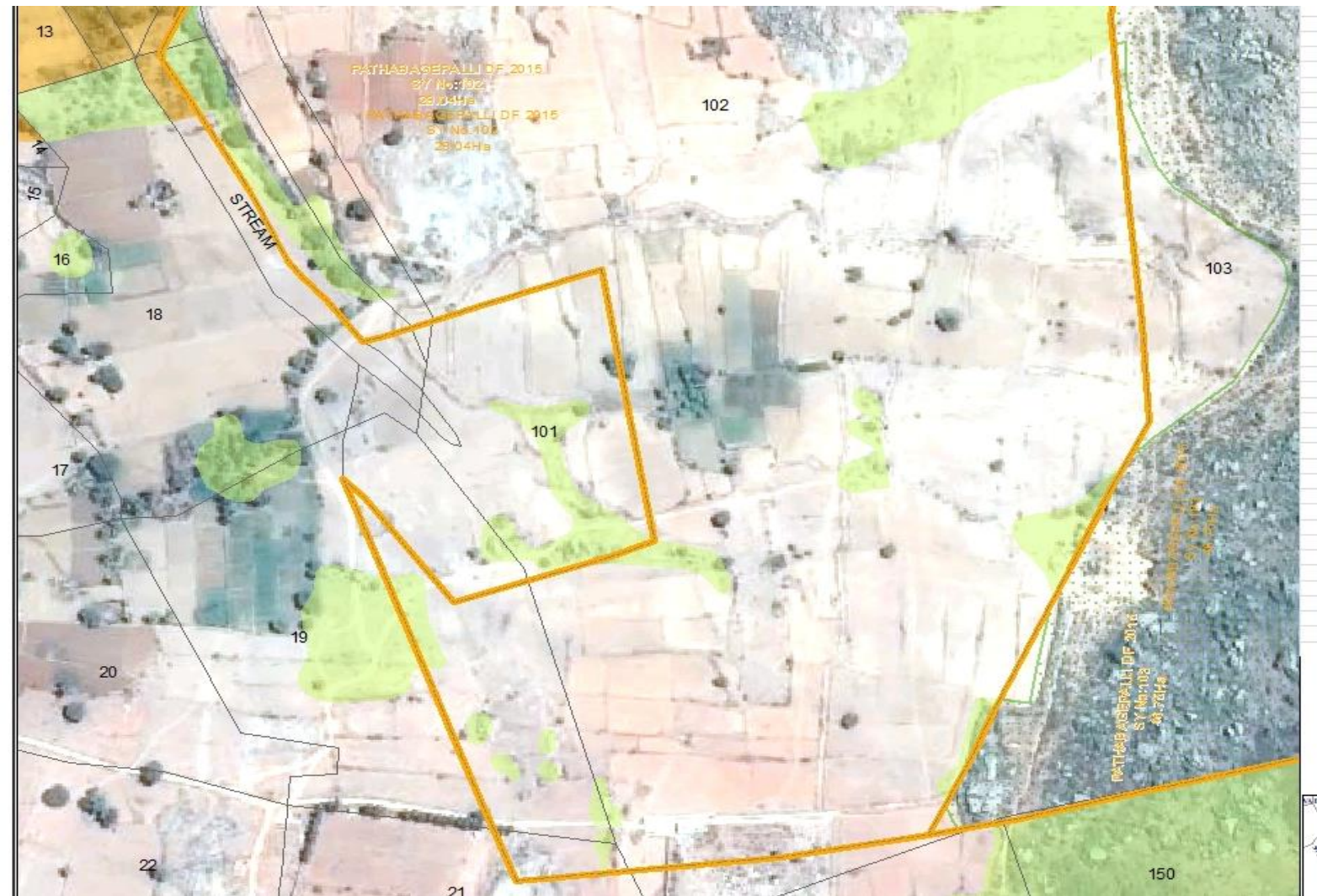
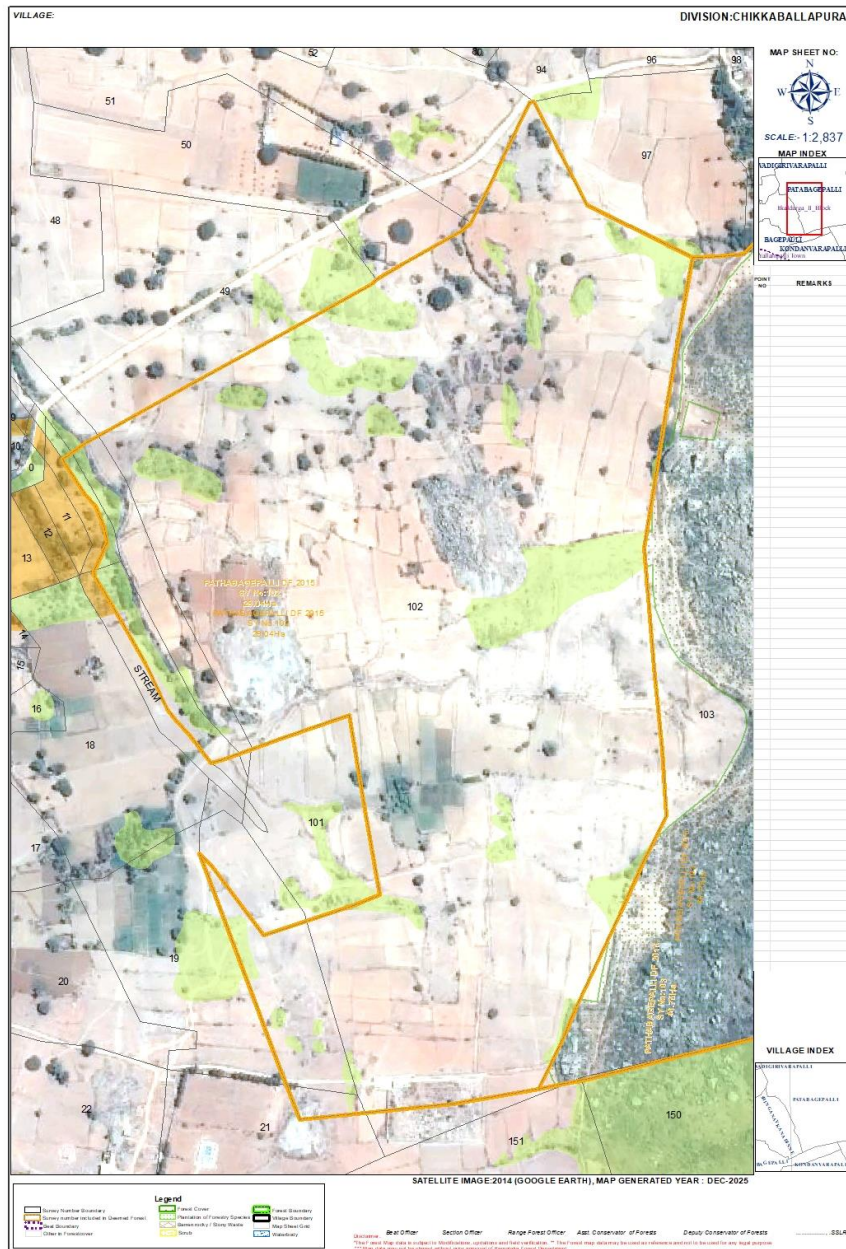
Carrying out joint survey / verification to identify Deemed Forests on ground

Removing areas which have already been declared or notified or recorded as forests.

Including areas which fulfil the criteria but have been left out in the existing list.

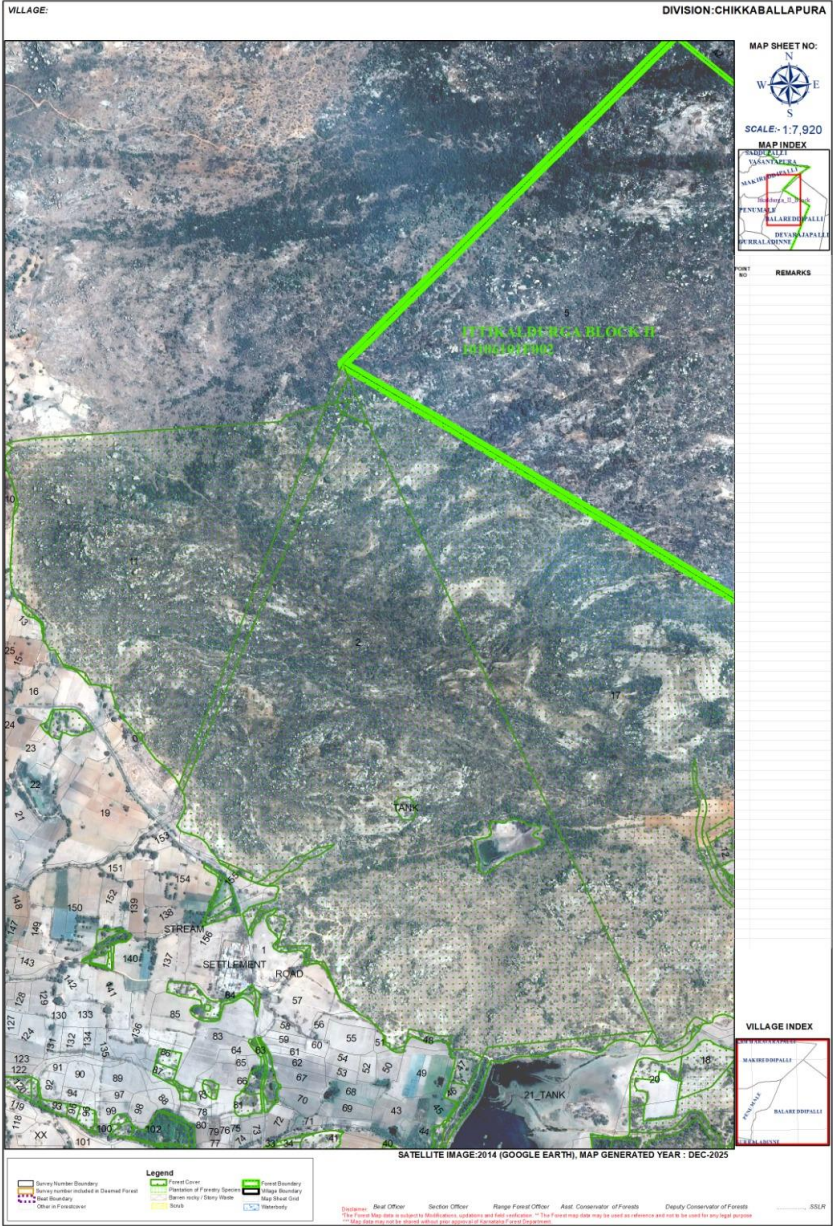


i. Some of the areas included in this **list do not meet the criteria.**



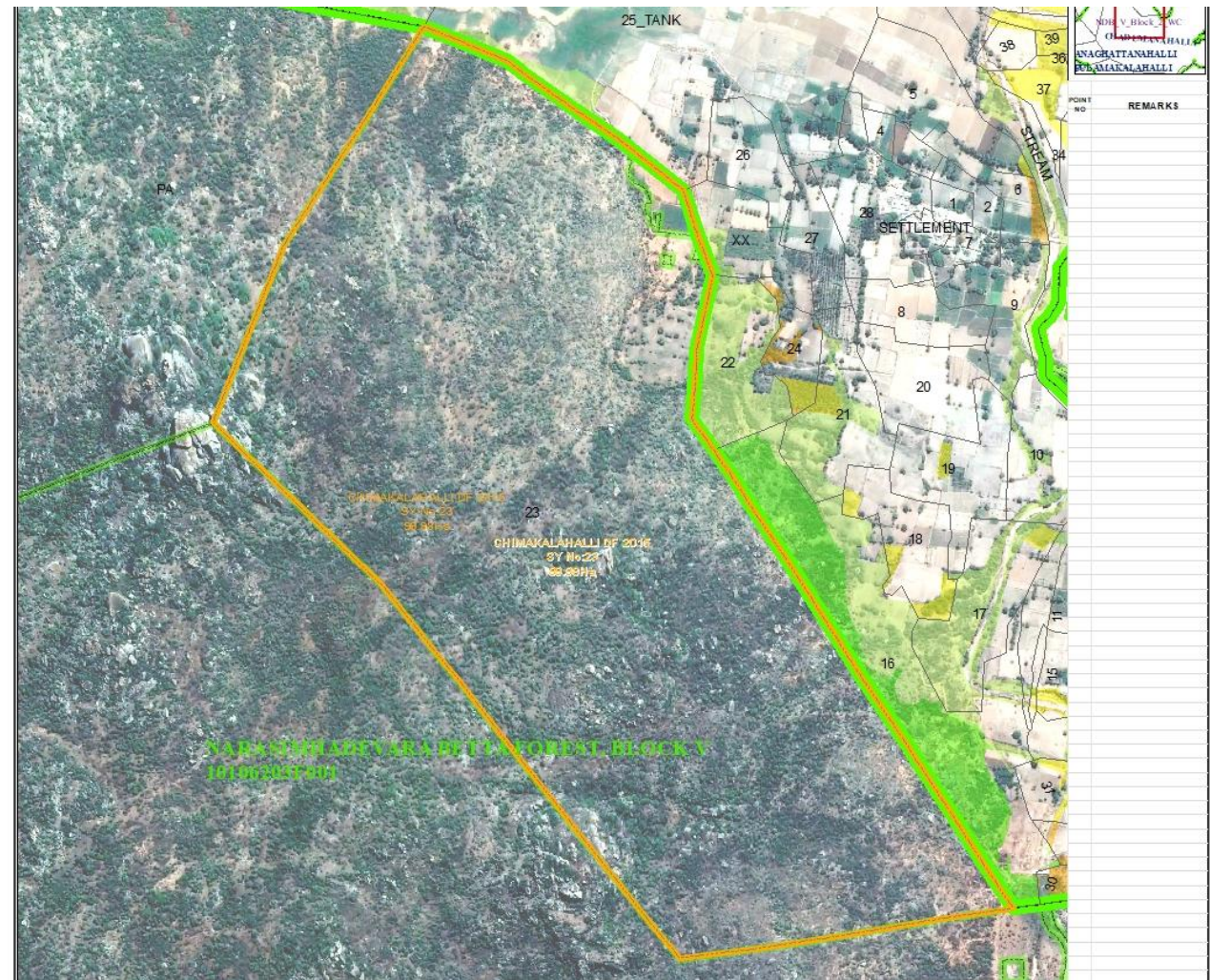
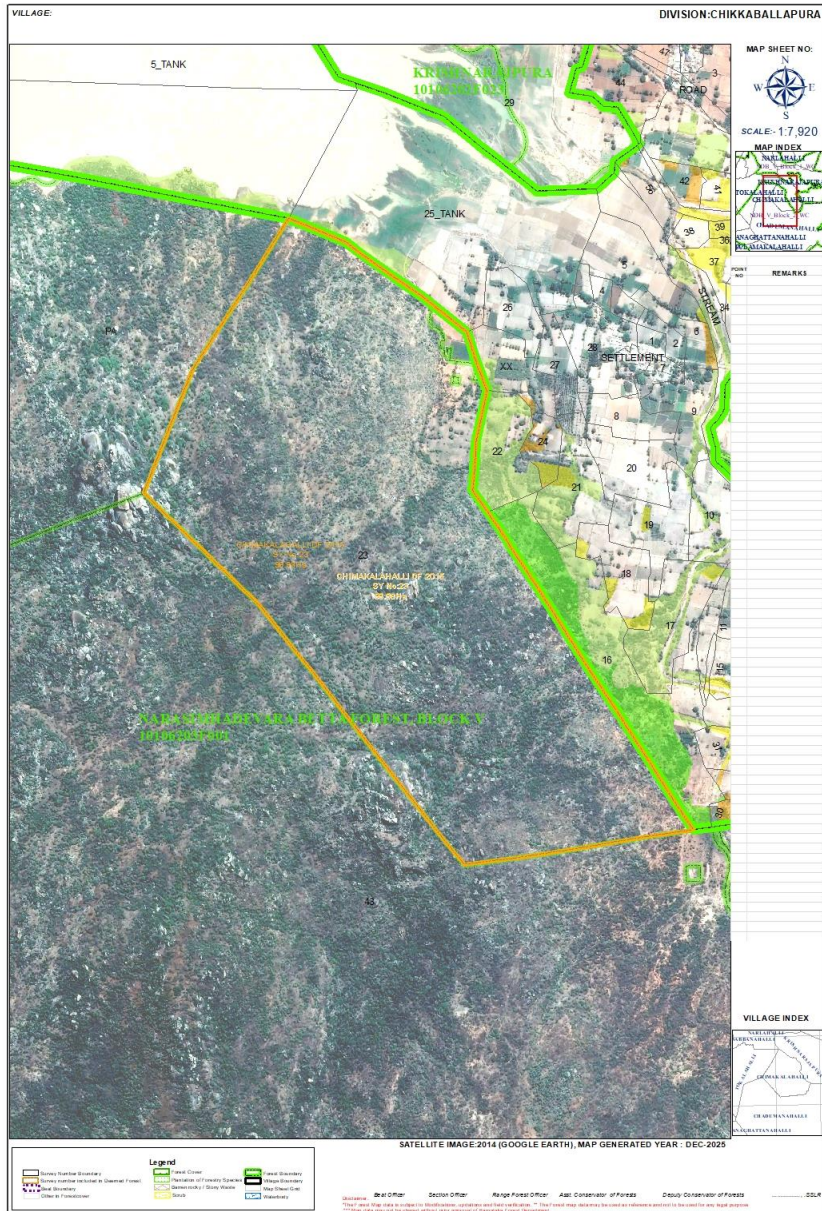
#	Taluk Name	Hobli Name	Village Name	Survey Number	Total Sy. No. Extent (Ha)	Existing DF list Extent (Ha)	Potential Forest like area outside Notified Forest (Ha)
1	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	PATABAGEPALLI	102	30.22	29.04	3.42

ii. Some of the areas which **qualify to be Deemed Forests**, have not been included in the said list.



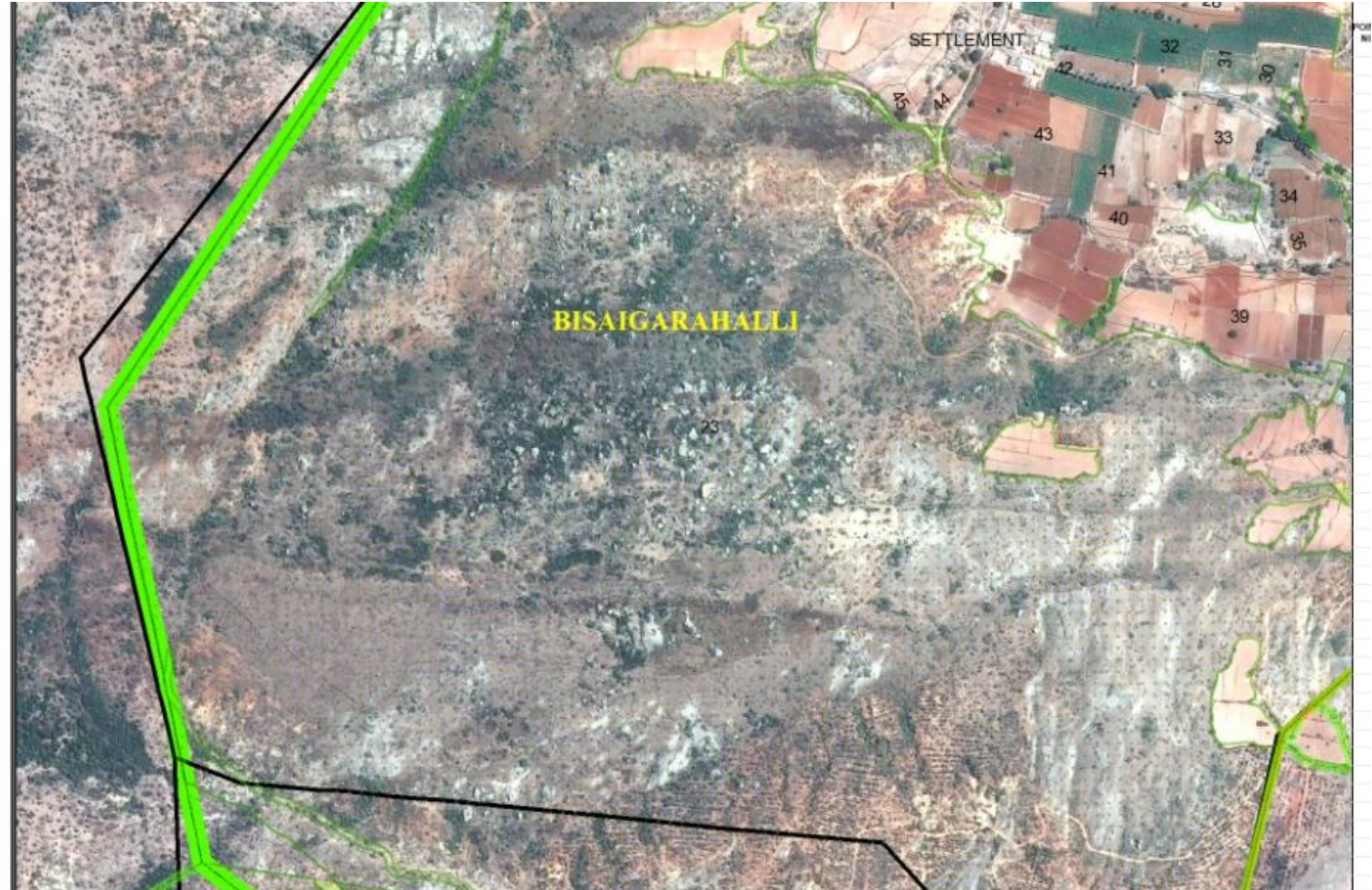
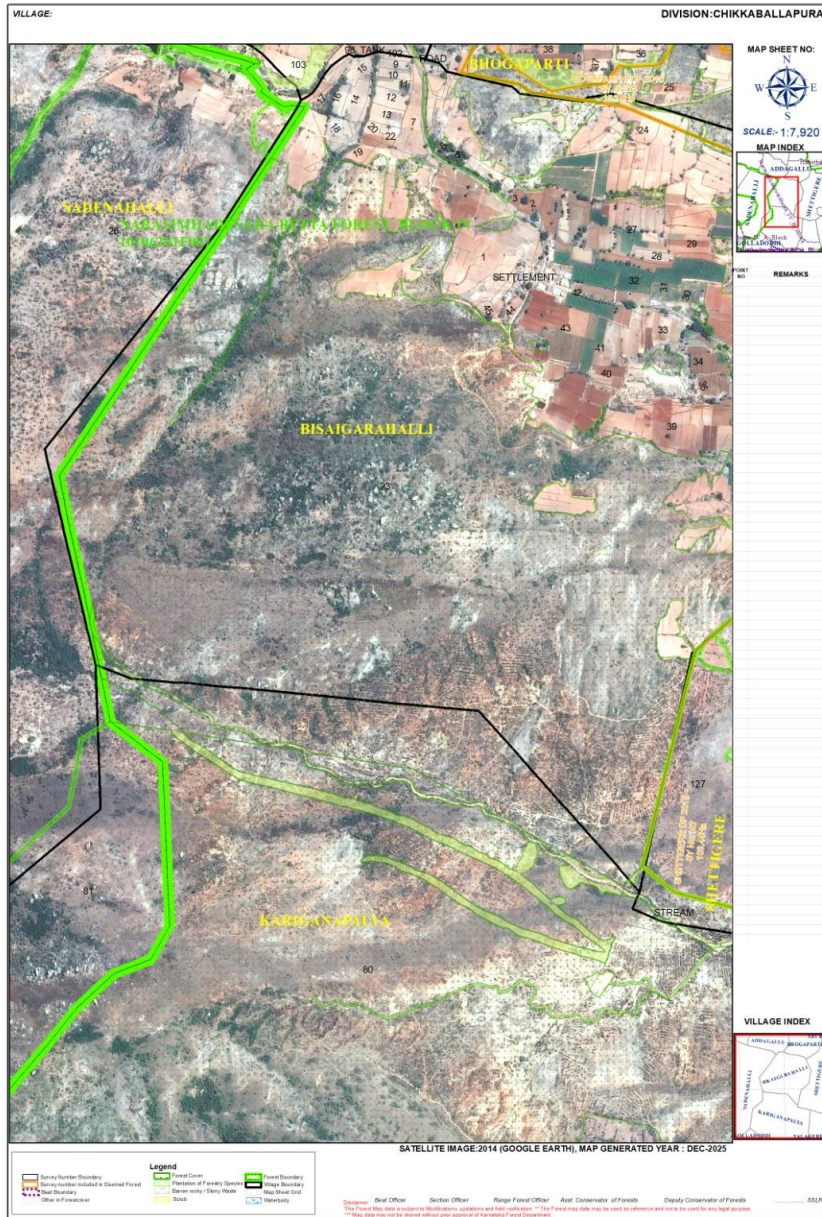
#	Taluk Name	Hobli Name	Village Name	Survey Number	Total Sy. No. Extent (Ha)	Existing DF list Extent (Ha)	Potential Forest like area outside Notified Forest (Ha)
335	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	BALAREDDIPALLI	16	2.15	0	0.98
336	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	BALAREDDIPALLI	17	102.89	0	99.68
337	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	BALAREDDIPALLI	19	13.95	0	10.53
338	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	BALAREDDIPALLI	2	424.54	0	104.03
339	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	BALAREDDIPALLI	24	2.11	0	1.89
340	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	BALAREDDIPALLI	25	115.51	0	57.72
341	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	BALAREDDIPALLI	26	307.06	0	76.32
342	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	BALAREDDIPALLI	6_TANK	7.62	0	2.49
343	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	BALAREDDIPALLI	STREAM	4.68	0	4.18
					980.51		357.81

iii. Some of the areas which are **declared or notified or recorded as forest** have been **included** in the said list



#	Taluk Name	Hobli Name	Village Name	Survey Number	Total Sy. No. Extent (Ha)	Existing DF list Extent (Ha)	Potential Forest like area outside Notified Forest (Ha)	Remarks
1	Gauribidanur	NAGARAGERE	CHIMAKALAHALLI	23	98.98	98.98	98.98	Notified Forest

iv. Exact identification of Deemed Forests on ground has not been carried out.



#	Taluk Name	Hobli Name	Village Name	Survey Number	Total Sy. No. Extent (Ha)	Potential Forest like area outside Notified Forest (Ha)
1367	Chikkaballapura	MANDIKALLU	BISAIGARAHALLI	23	253.30	210.69
1368	Chikkaballapura	MANDIKALLU	BISAIGARAHALLI	37	8.26	0.22

State Level Committee

- Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary to Government, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department- Chairperson
- Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue Department - Co-Chairperson
- Principal Secretary, Horticulture Department, Bengaluru
- Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)
- Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (EWPRT & CC)
- Revenue Commissioner, Revenue Commissionerate, Bengaluru
- Commissioner for Survey Settlement and Land Records
- Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Land Records
- Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Working Plan – Convenor

Revenue Divisional Level Committee

- Regional Commissioner of the Revenue Division- Chairperson
- Chief Conservator of Forests of the Forest Circle stationed at Revenue Divisional Headquarters- Convenor.
- Chief Conservators of Forests of the Territorial Circles in the Revenue Division.
- Joint Directors of Land Records

District Level Committee

- Deputy Commissioners of the District - Chairperson
- Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat
- Deputy Conservator of Forests (Territorial) at District Headquarters - Convenor
- Deputy Conservator of Forests (Territorial)/Wildlife), where the district has two or more divisions.
- Deputy Directors of Land Records concerned.
- Deputy Director, Horticulture Department
- District Social Welfare Officer

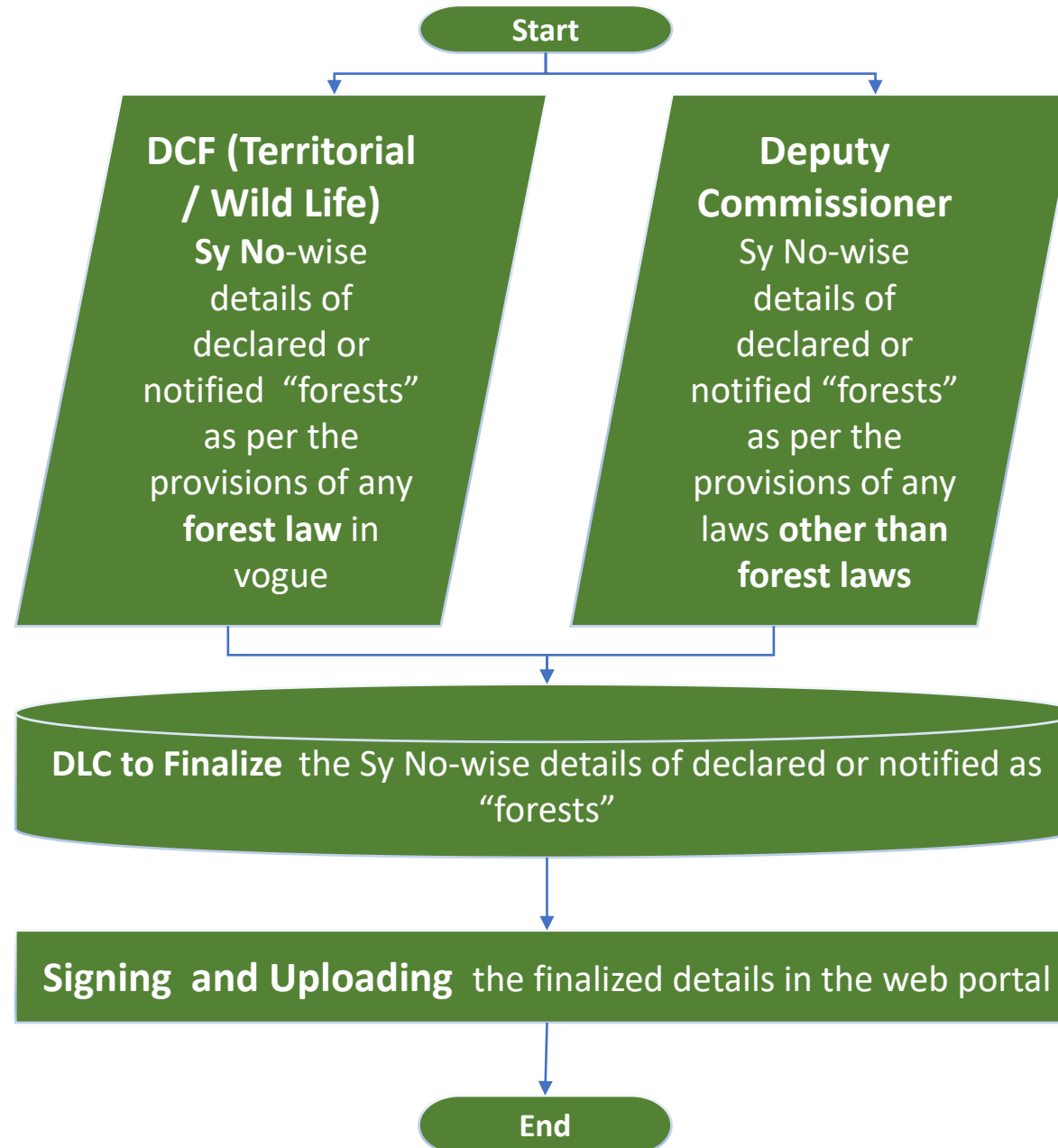
Joint Verification (JV) teams need to be constituted at Taluk level comprising of the following officials:-

#	Official	Department
1	Tahsildar	Revenue
2	Range Forest Officers (Territorial / Wildlife) whose jurisdiction falls within the taluk	Forest
3	Assistant Director of Land Records	Survey Settlement and Land Records
4	Executive Officer of the Taluk panchayat	RDPR

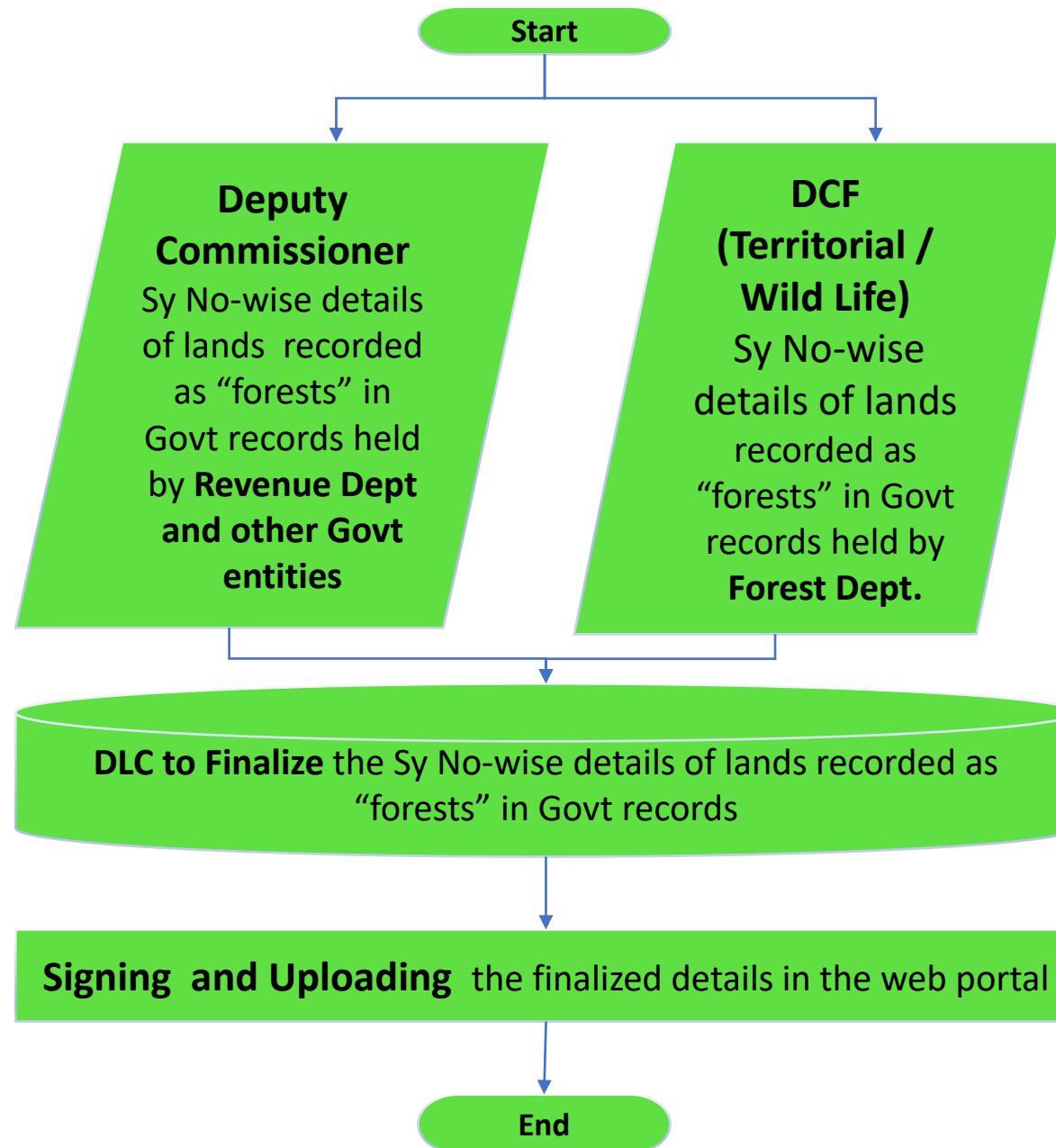
Joint Survey (JS) teams to **assist** the Joint Verification team (JV) also need to be constituted at Taluk level comprising of the following officials:-

#	Official	Department
1	Village Accountants whose jurisdiction falls within the taluk	Revenue
2	Deputy Range Forest officer cum Surveyors (In-charge of Sections of Territorial/Wildlife) whose jurisdiction falls within the taluk	Forest
3	Revenue / SSLR Surveyors whose jurisdiction falls within the taluk	Survey Settlement and Land Records
4	Panchayat Development Officers whose jurisdiction falls within the taluk	RDPR

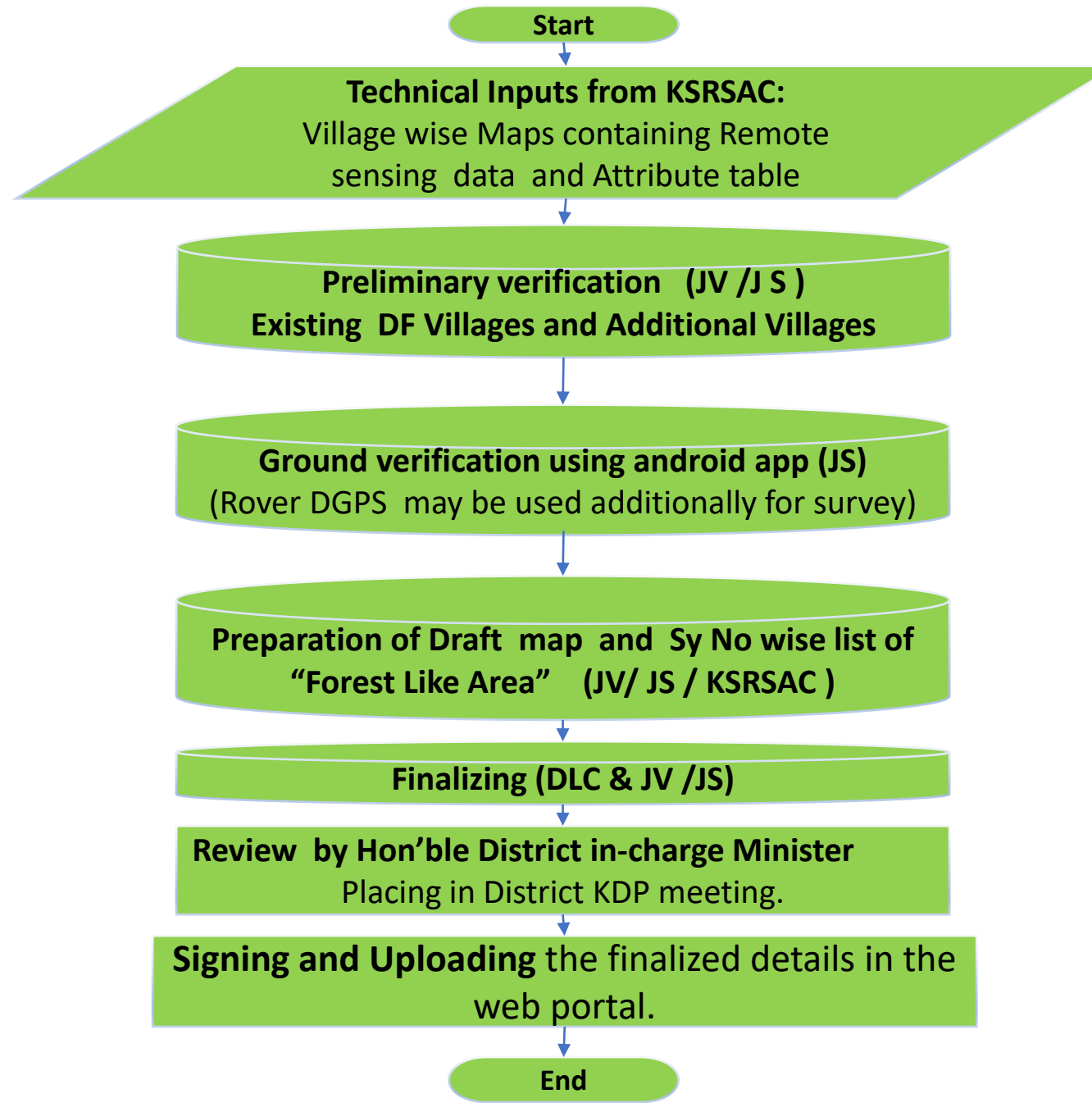
Consolidated Record of “Notified or Declared ” Forest



Consolidated Record of lands Recorded as “forests” in Government Records



Consolidated Record of “Forest like areas”



Technical Inputs from KRSRAC:

Village wise Maps containing Remote sensing data and **Attribute table**

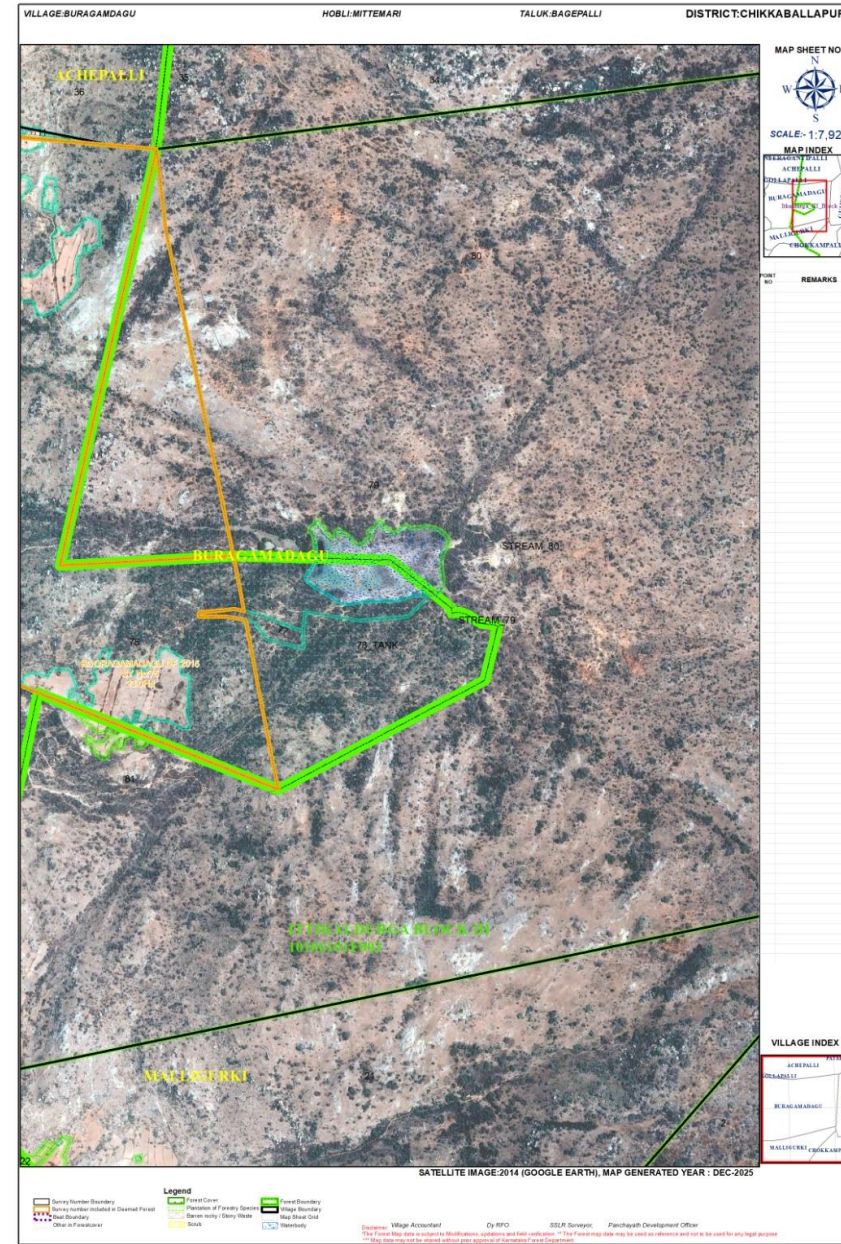
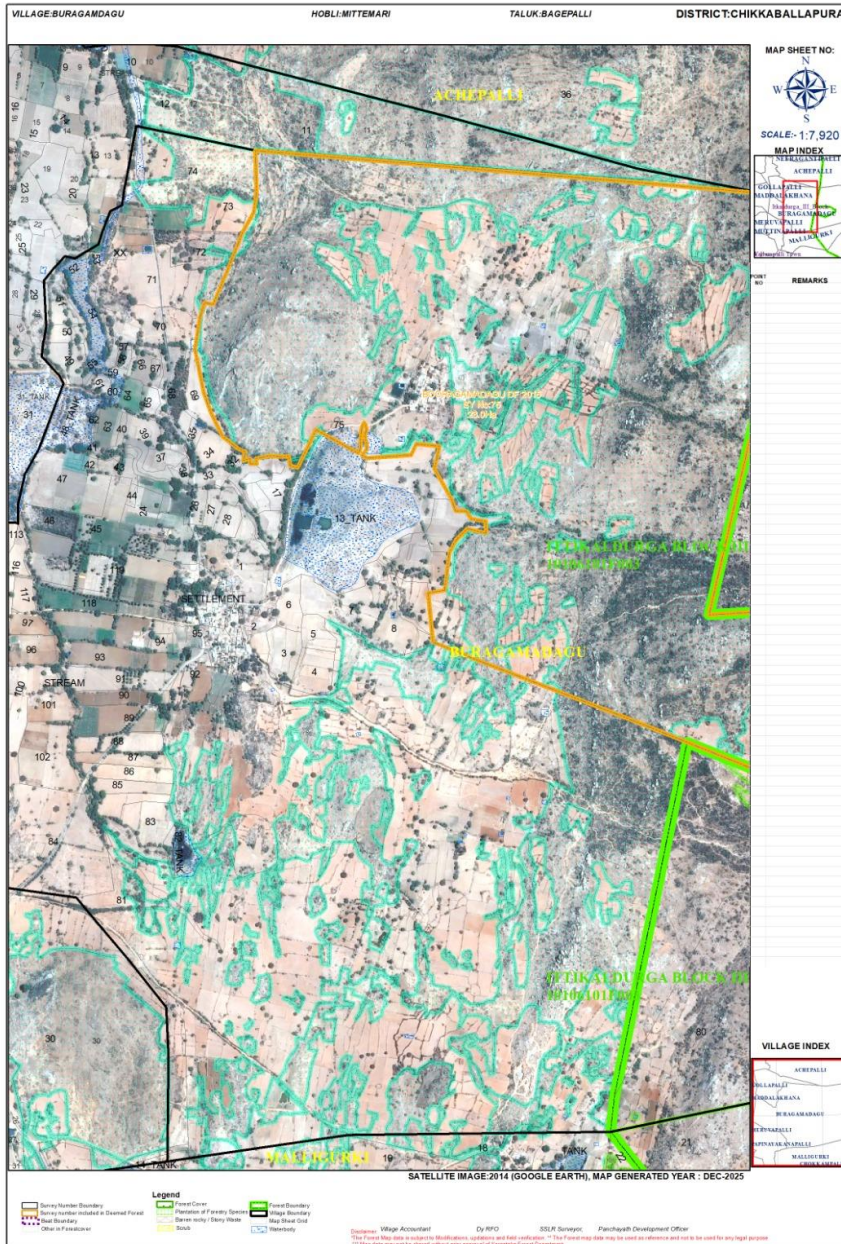
List of existing deemed forest survey numbers which have potential "forest like area" (using high resolution satellite images)

#	Taluk Name	Hobli Name	Village Name	Survey Number	Total Sy. No. Extent (Ha)	Existing DF list Extent (Ha)	Potential Forest like area outside Notified Forest (Ha)
1	BAGEPALLI	GULURU	TIMMAMPALLI	170	98.29	90.11	86.10
2	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	CHINNEPALLI	59	14.14	13.03	2.92
3	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	KADIRANNAGARIPALLI	20	49.10	42.71	39.50
4	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	KONDANVARAPALLI()	24	28.57	21.44	26.91
5	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	KONDAREDDIPALLI	127	12.67	9.96	5.53
6	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	KRUSHNAPURA	18	9.08	14.39	7.82
7	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	KRUSHNAPURA	19	34.44		29.29
8	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	MADDALAKHANA	20	11.75	11.06	0.47
9	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	MALLASANDRA	22	48.91	98.72	2.69
10	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	PARAGODU	297	31.40	29.65	28.69
11	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	PARAGODU	307	40.61	1.7	14.50
12	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	PATABAGEPALLI	102	30.22	29.04	3.42
13	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	PATABAGEPALLI	103	47.71	46.75	42.14
14	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	PUTTAPARTI	195	34.48	12.02	22.82
15	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	PUTTAPARTI	83	7.82	7.81	5.93
16	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	PUTTAPARTI	84	27.29	5.29	5.07
17	BAGEPALLI	MITTEMARI	BODIKADIREPALLI	66	83.86	81.94	59.31
18	BAGEPALLI	MITTEMARI	BURAGAMADAGU	75	167.88	23	120.78
19	BAGEPALLI	MITTEMARI	JULAPALYA	250	110.90	100.52	88.90
20	BAGEPALLI	MITTEMARI	JULAPALYA	66	241.65	81.94	6.31
21	BAGEPALLI	MITTEMARI	PAIPALYA	10	64.79	45.88	51.35
22	BAGEPALLI	MITTEMARI	PAIPALYA	17	69.03	7.03	65.74
23	BAGEPALLI	MITTEMARI	VADIGERE	34	0.59	60	0.32
24	BAGEPALLI	PATAPALYA	GUJJEPALLI	238	5.02	36.57	0.00
25	BAGEPALLI	PATAPALYA	NAREMADDEPALLI	82	72.16	20	4.95
26	BAGEPALLI	PATAPALYA	PATAKOTE	64	95.01	71.64	73.26
27	BAGEPALLI	PATAPALYA	PATAPALYA	231	67.05	56.13	61.69
28	BAGEPALLI	PATAPALYA	PATAPALYA	235	16.14	12.19	13.03
29	BAGEPALLI	PATAPALYA	PATAPALYA	238	225.59	36.57	173.14
30	CHIKBALLAPUR	KASABA	ANGAREKHANAHALLI	37	21.51	349.63	8.01
31	CHIKBALLAPUR	KASABA	ANGAREKHANAHALLI	38	7.78		0.00
32	CHIKBALLAPUR	KASABA	ARIKERE	10	63.45	69.28	58.58
33	CHIKBALLAPUR	KASABA	AVULAHALLI	60	6.58	6.46	6.30
34	CHIKBALLAPUR	KASABA	AVULAHALLI	61	4.84	4.33	4.37
35	CHIKBALLAPUR	KASABA	AVULAHALLI	64	8.49	8.38	8.44
36	CHIKBALLAPUR	KASABA	AVULAHALLI	65	2.82	2.7	2.82
37	CHIKBALLAPUR	KASABA	AVULAHALLI	66	0.74	1.34	0.67
38	CHIKBALLAPUR	KASABA	AVULAHALLI	67	8.19	8.09	8.09
39	CHIKBALLAPUR	KASABA	AVULAHALLI	68	9.11	9.02	9.11
40	CHIKBALLAPUR	KASABA	AVULAHALLI	69	9.94	9.96	9.64

List of other village survey numbers which have potential "forest like area" (using high resolution satellite images)

#	Taluk Name	Hobli Name	Village Name	Survey Number	Total Sy. No. Extent (Ha)	Potential Forest like area outside Notified Forest (Ha)
1	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	BATTALAVARAPALLI	69	24.68	10.79
2	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	BELLALAMPALLI	21	31.72	12.15
3	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	BELLALAMPALLI	47	30.60	21.09
4	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	BUTTAYAGARIPALLI	16	16.47	7.23
5	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	CHAKAVELU	216	21.61	7.54
6	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	CHAKAVELU	62	43.19	24.00
7	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	CHAKAVELU	621	14.33	5.24
8	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	CHAKAVELU	624	18.71	10.03
9	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	CHAKAVELU	66	4.15	0.01
10	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	CHAKAVELU	56	231.03	80.79
11	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	CHEEGATEEGALAGUTTA	24	15.90	5.99
12	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	CHEEGATEEGALAGUTTA	25	100.69	22.83
13	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	CHEEGATEEGALAGUTTA	28	8.91	2.94
14	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	CHEEGATEEGALAGUTTA	73	88.24	27.72
15	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	CHELURU	100_TANK	158.43	41.27
16	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	CHELURU	37	10.44	6.27
17	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	CHELURU	39	36.93	9.83
18	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	CHELURU	42	18.53	2.80
19	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	CHELURU	43	18.92	4.86
20	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	CHELURU	44	17.12	4.35
21	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	CHELURU	53	192.92	25.92
22	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	CHELURU	STREAM	29.88	13.77
23	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	DABBARAVARIPALLI	31	17.53	12.98
24	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	DABBARAVARIPALLI	32	16.08	5.39
25	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	DABBARAVARIPALLI	33	9.51	6.94
26	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	DABBARAVARIPALLI	37	16.26	6.19
27	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	DABBARAVARIPALLI	38	14.26	5.75
28	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	DABBARAVARIPALLI	40	23.07	6.56
29	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	DIGAVANETTAKUNTAPALLI	8	18.38	11.02
30	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	DIGAVANETTAKUNTAPALLI	91	209.74	72.92
31	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	DODDIPALLI	14	7.38	5.27
32	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	DODDIPALLI	38	8.64	7.41
33	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	DODDIPALLI	41	620.78	106.63
34	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	DODDIPALLI	45	114.59	74.38
35	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	GOLLAPALLI	23	31.59	12.29
36	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	GUNDLAPALLI	22	4.64	0.00
37	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	GUNDLAPALLI	23	6.25	0.01
38	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	GUNDLAPALLI	24	10.23	0.28
39	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	GUNDLAPALLI	25	5.60	0.16
40	BAGEPALLI	CHELURU	GUNDLAPALLI	26	37.42	4.78

Village wise Maps containing Remote sensing data and Attribute table



Preliminary verification (JV /J S) Existing DF Villages and Additional Villages

List of existing deemed forest survey numbers which have potential "forest like area" (using high resolution satellite images)

#	Taluk Name	Hobli Name	Village Name	Survey Number	Total Sy. No. Extent (Ha)	Existing DF list Extent (Ha)	Potential Forest like area outside Notified Forest (Ha)
1	BAGEPALLI	GULURU	TIMMAMPALLI	170	98.29	90.11	86.10
2	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	CHINNEPALLI	59	14.14	13.03	2.92
3	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	KADIRANNAGARIPALLI	20	49.10	42.71	39.50
4	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	KONDANVARAPALLI()	24	28.57	21.44	26.91
5	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	KONDAREDDIPALLI	127	12.67	9.96	5.53
6	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	KRUSHNAPURA	18	9.08	14.39	7.82
7	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	KRUSHNAPURA	19	34.44		29.29
8	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	MADDALAKHANA	20	11.75	11.06	0.47
9	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	MALLASANDRA	22	48.91	98.72	2.69
10	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	PARAGODU	297	31.40	29.65	28.69
11	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	PARAGODU	307	40.61	1.7	14.50
12	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	PATABAGEPALLI	102	30.22	29.04	3.42
13	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	PATABAGEPALLI	103	47.71	46.75	42.14
14	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	PUTTAPARTI	195	34.48	12.02	22.82
15	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	PUTTAPARTI	83	7.82	7.81	5.93
16	BAGEPALLI	KASABA	PUTTAPARTI	84	27.29	5.29	5.07
17	BAGEPALLI	MITTEMARI	BODIKADIREPALLI	66	83.86	81.94	59.31
18	BAGEPALLI	MITTEMARI	BURAGAMADAGU	75	167.88	23	120.78
19	BAGEPALLI	MITTEMARI	JULAPALYA	250	110.90	100.52	88.90
20	BAGEPALLI	MITTEMARI	JULAPALYA	66	241.65	81.94	6.31
21	BAGEPALLI	MITTEMARI	PAIPALYA	10	64.79	45.88	51.35
22	BAGEPALLI	MITTEMARI	PAIPALYA	17	69.03	7.03	65.74
23	BAGEPALLI	MITTEMARI	VADIGERE	34	0.59	60	0.32
24	BAGEPALLI	PATAPALYA	GUJJEPALLI	238	5.02	36.57	0.00
25	BAGEPALLI	PATAPALYA	NAREMADDEPALLI	82	72.16	20	4.95
26	BAGEPALLI	PATAPALYA	PATAKOTE	64	95.01	71.64	73.26
27	BAGEPALLI	PATAPALYA	PATAPALYA	231	67.05	56.13	61.69
28	BAGEPALLI	PATAPALYA	PATAPALYA	235	16.14	12.19	13.03
29	BAGEPALLI	PATAPALYA	PATAPALYA	238	225.59	36.57	173.14
30	CHIKBALLAPUR	KASABA	ANGAREKHANAHALLI	37	21.51		8.01
31	CHIKBALLAPUR	KASABA	ANGAREKHANAHALLI	38	7.78	349.63	0.00
32	CHIKBALLAPUR	KASABA	ARIKERE	10	63.45	69.28	58.58
33	CHIKBALLAPUR	KASABA	AVULAHALLI	60	6.58	6.46	6.30
34	CHIKBALLAPUR	KASABA	AVULAHALLI	61	4.84	4.33	4.37
35	CHIKBALLAPUR	KASABA	AVULAHALLI	64	8.49	8.38	8.44
36	CHIKBALLAPUR	KASABA	AVULAHALLI	65	2.82	2.7	2.82
37	CHIKBALLAPUR	KASABA	AVULAHALLI	66	0.74	1.34	0.67
38	CHIKBALLAPUR	KASABA	AVULAHALLI	67	8.19	8.09	8.09
39	CHIKBALLAPUR	KASABA	AVULAHALLI	68	9.11	9.02	9.11
40	CHIKBALLAPUR	KASABA	AVULAHALLI	69	9.94	9.96	9.64

Short listed list of other village survey numbers which have potential "forest like area" for ground verification

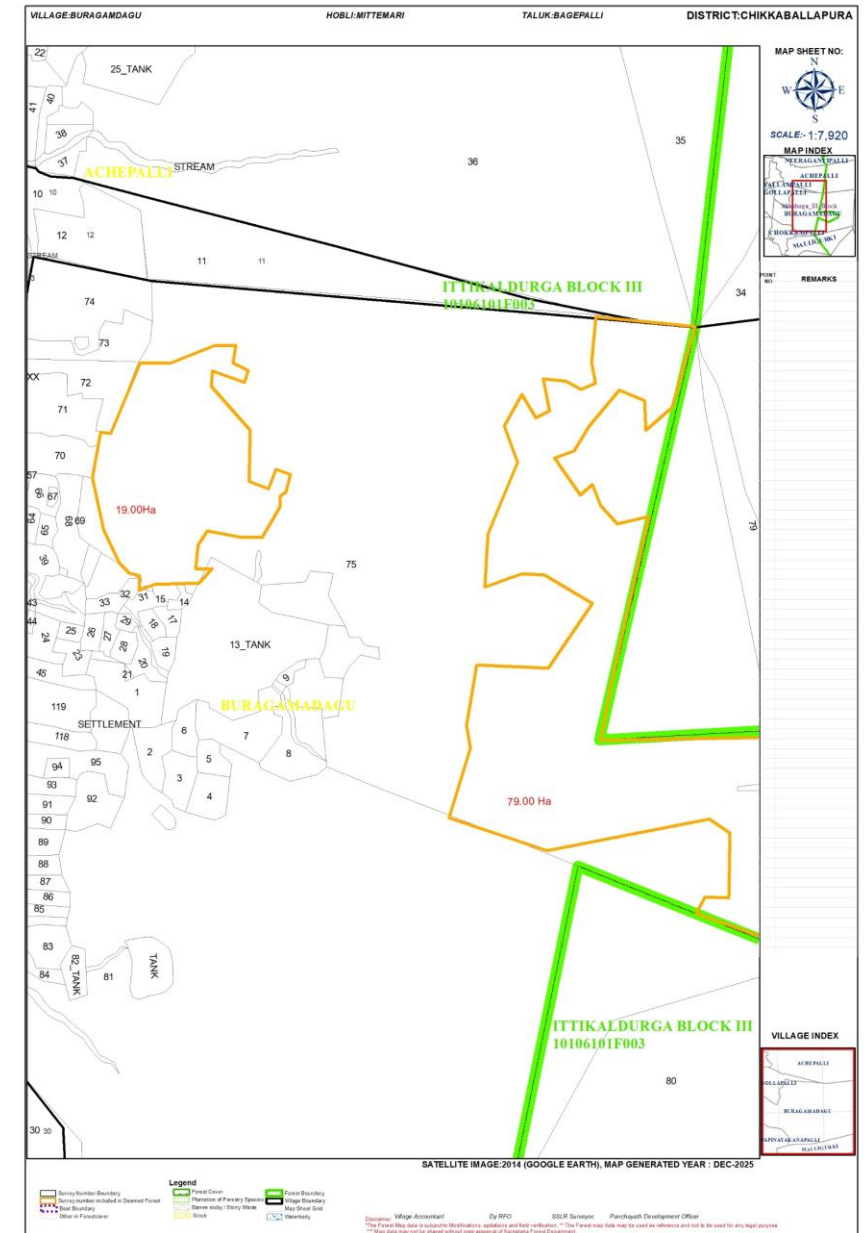
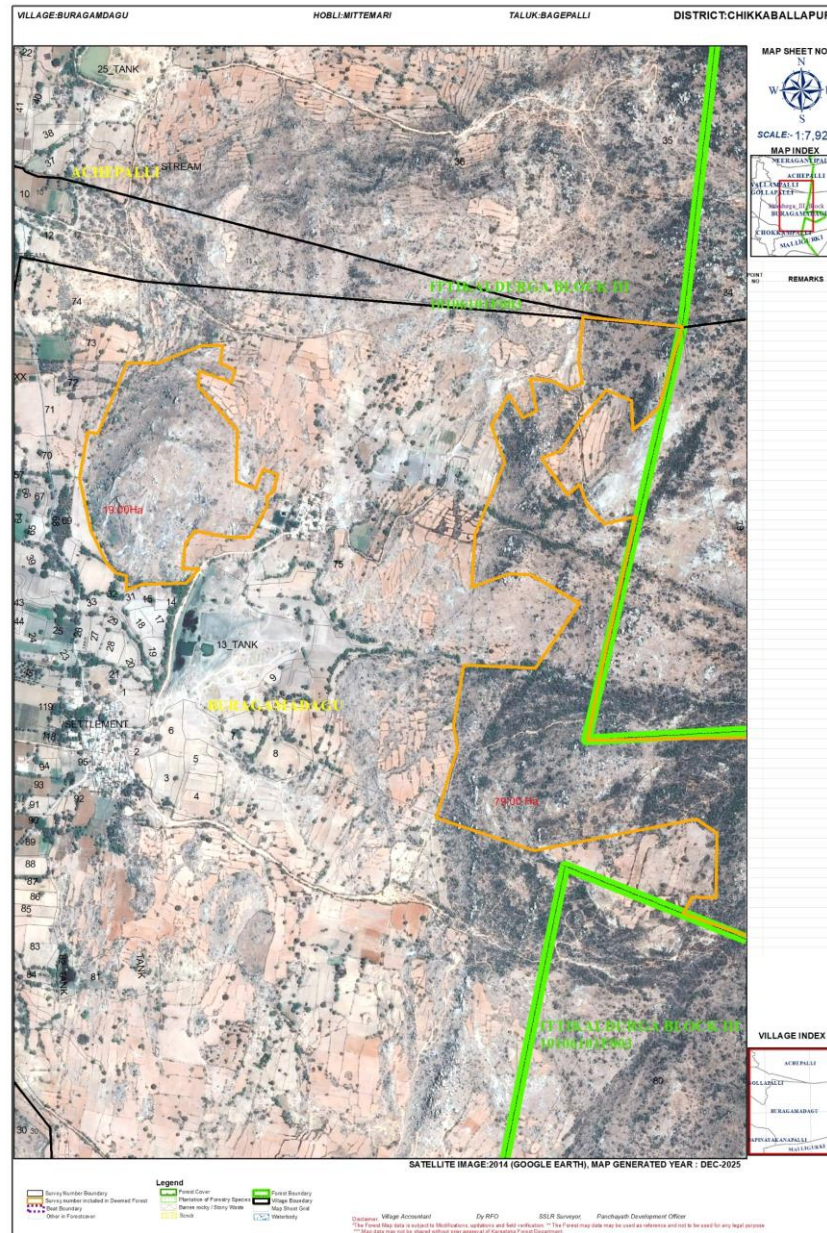
#	Taluk Name	Hobli Name	Village Name	Survey Number	Total Sy. No. Extent (Ha)	Potential Forest like area outside Notified Forest (Ha)	P V
1	bagepalli	CHELURU	BATTALAVARAPALLI	69	24.68	10.79	1
2	bagepalli	CHELURU	BELLALAMPALLI	21	31.72	12.15	2
3	bagepalli	CHELURU	BELLALAMPALLI	47	30.60	21.09	3
4	bagepalli	CHELURU	BUTTAYAGARIPALLI	16	16.47	7.23	4
5	bagepalli	CHELURU	CHAKAVELU	216	21.61	7.54	5
6	bagepalli	CHELURU	CHAKAVELU	62	43.19	24.00	6
7	bagepalli	CHELURU	CHAKAVELU	621	14.33	5.24	7
8	bagepalli	CHELURU	CHAKAVELU	624	18.71	10.03	8
10	bagepalli	CHELURU	CHAKAVELU	xx	231.03	80.79	9
11	bagepalli	CHELURU	CHEEGATEEGALAGUTTA	24	15.90	5.99	10
12	bagepalli	CHELURU	CHEEGATEEGALAGUTTA	25	100.69	22.83	11
14	bagepalli	CHELURU	CHEEGATEEGALAGUTTA	73	88.24	27.72	12
15	bagepalli	CHELURU	CHELURU	100_TANK	158.43	41.27	13
16	bagepalli	CHELURU	CHELURU	37	10.44	6.27	14
17	bagepalli	CHELURU	CHELURU	39	36.93	9.83	15
21	bagepalli	CHELURU	CHELURU	53	192.92	25.92	16
22	bagepalli	CHELURU	CHELURU	STREAM	29.88	13.77	17
23	bagepalli	CHELURU	DABBARAVARIPALLI	31	17.53	12.98	18
24	bagepalli	CHELURU	DABBARAVARIPALLI	32	16.08	5.39	19
26	bagepalli	CHELURU	DABBARAVARIPALLI	37	16.26	6.19	20
27	bagepalli	CHELURU	DABBARAVARIPALLI	38	14.26	5.75	21
28	bagepalli	CHELURU	DABBARAVARIPALLI	40	23.07	6.56	22
29	bagepalli	CHELURU	DIGAVANETTAKUNTAPALLI	8	18.38	11.02	23
30	bagepalli	CHELURU	DIGAVANETTAKUNTAPALLI	91	209.74	72.92	24
33	bagepalli	CHELURU	DODDIPALLI	41	620.78	106.63	25
34	bagepalli	CHELURU	DODDIPALLI	45	114.59	74.38	26
35	bagepalli	CHELURU	GOLLAPALLI	23	31.59	12.29	27



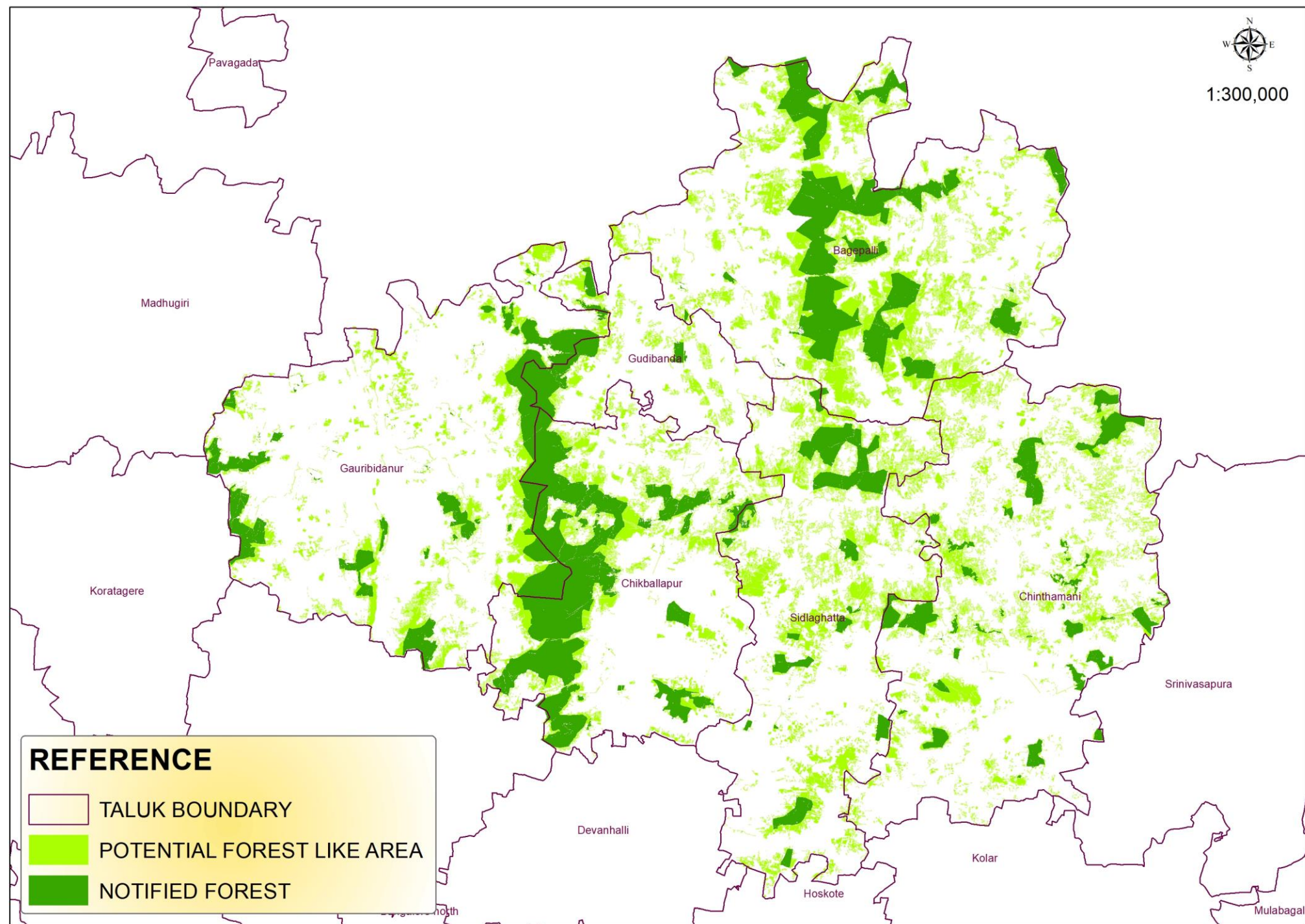
Ground verification using android app (JS) (Rover DGPS may be used additionally for survey)



Preparation of Draft map and Sy No wise list of “Forest Like Area” (JV/ JS / KRSRAC)



#	Taluk Name	Hobli Name	Village Name	Survey Number	Total Sy. No. Extent (Ha)	Existing DF list Extent (Ha)	Potential Forest like area outside Notified Forest (Ha)	Proposed Forest like area outside Notified Forest (Ha)
1	BAGEPALLI	MITTEMARI	BURAGAMADAGU	75	167.88	23	120.78	98.00



Section 79 in Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964

79. Regulation of supply of firewood and timber for domestic or other purposes.

(1)In any village or land in which the rights of the State Government to the trees have been reserved under section 75 subject to certain privileges of the villagers or of certain classes of persons to cut fire-wood or timber for domestic or other purposes and in any land which has been set apart under section 71 for forest reserve subject to such privileges, and in all other cases in which such privileges exist in respect of any alienated land, the exercise of the said privileges shall be regulated by such rules as may be prescribed, or by orders to be made either generally or in any particular instance by the Deputy Commissioner or by such other officer as the State Government may direct. In any case of dispute as to the mode or time of exercising such privileges, the decision of the Deputy Commissioner or of such officer shall be final.

(2)Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) but subject to such general or special orders that may be issued by the State Government from time to time, the privileges that are being enjoyed either by custom or under any order such as privileges in respect of Kumki lands, Bane lands and Kane lands in South Kanara District, Betta lands and Hadi lands in North Kanara District, Kan and Soppina Betta lands in Mysore Area, Jamma and Bane in Coorg District and [Motasthal wet lands] *[Substituted by Act 9 of 1965 w.e.f. 1.4.1964.]* in [Gulbarga Area] *[Adapted by the Karnataka Adaptations of Laws Order, 1973 w.e.f. 1.11.1973.]* shall continue.Land Revenue.

Section 71 in Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964

71. Lands may be assigned for special purposes and when assigned, shall not be otherwise used without sanction of the Deputy Commissioner.

- Subject to the general orders of the State Government, Survey Officers, whilst survey operations are proceeding under this Act, and at any other time, the Deputy Commissioner, may set apart lands, which are the property of the State Government and not in the lawful occupation of any person or aggregate of persons in any village or portions of a village, for free pasturage for the village cattle, for forest reserves or for any other public purpose; and lands assigned specially for any such purpose shall not be otherwise used without the sanction of the Deputy Commissioner; and in the disposal of lands under section 69 due regard shall be had to all such special assignments.

Section 94B in Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964

94B. [Grant of land in certain cases. [Section 94B inserted by Act 22 of 1998 w.e.f. 1.11.1998 by notification. Text of the notification is at the end of the Act.]

(1)Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, if the Deputy Commissioner or other officer authorised by the State Government in this behalf is satisfied after holding such enquiry as he deems fit, that a person, -(i)has, prior to the fourteenth day of April 1990 un-authorisedly occupied any land including land referred to in sub-section (2) of section 79 from which he is liable to be evicted under section 94; and(ii)being eligible to grant of such land under section 94A has failed to apply for such grant under sub-section (4) of the said section within the period specified therein; and Provided that nothing in this clause shall apply to a person who has become eligible for grant of land by virtue of the Karnataka Land Revenue (Amendment) Act, 1997;(iii)has continued to be in actual possession of such land on the date of commencement of the Karnataka Land Revenue (Amendment) Act, 1997:-he may *[[within fourteen years] [Substituted by Karnataka Act No. 11 of 2018, dated 17.3.2018.]]* from the date of commencement of the Karnataka Land Revenue (Amendment) Act, 2000] and subject to such rules, as may be prescribed make recommendations to the Committee or the Additional Committee, as the case may be constituted under section 94A and such Committee may on receipt of the recommendation grant the land to such person : Provided that if an application made under section 94A by any other person for grant of the same land is pending consideration under that section the Committee, or the Additional Committee, as the case may be, shall consider the claim of such other person before granting the land under this sub-section: Provided further that where prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 (Central Act 69 of 1980) is required for grant of any land under this section, such grant shall not be made without such prior approval.

(2)The provisions of the first proviso, second proviso, including the table and the Explanation in sub-section (4) and of sub-sections (5) and (6) of section 94A shall apply mutatis mutandis in respect of the grant of land made under sub-section (1).

(3)Nothing in this section shall apply to forest land except any land referred to in sub-section (2) of section 79 which is classified as forest land.]

Section 77 in Karnataka Land Reforms Act, 1961

77. Disposal of surplus land.—

[\(1\)](#) Surplus land vesting in the State Government under this Act, land directed to be disposed of under subsection (3) of section 45, section 58, section 60, land vesting in the State Government under section 79A, section 79B or under any other provision of this Act, may,]3 subject to reservation of seventy-five per cent thereof for grant to persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes and subject to such restrictions and conditions as may be prescribed in this behalf, be granted by the Deputy Commissioner or any other officer authorised by the State Government in this behalf to the following persons to the extent and in the manner as may be prescribed:[\(i\)](#) Dispossessed tenants who are not registered as occupants;[\(ii\)](#) Displaced tenants having no land;[\(iii\)](#) Landless agricultural labourers;[\(iv\)](#) landless persons or other persons residing in villages in the same Panchayat area whose gross annual income does not exceed rupees twenty thousand and ex-military personnel whose gross annual income does not exceed rupees twenty-two thousand;[\(v\)](#) Released bonded labourers;[\(vi\)](#) Deleted; Explanation.—(1) “Dispossessed tenant” means a person who not being member of the family of the owner was cultivating lands personally and was dispossessed between 10th September 1957 and 24th January 1971 and who is not registered as an occupant under the provisions of this Act. Explanation.—(2) “Displaced tenant” means a person who has been deprived of agricultural land on which he was a tenant, on account of,—(i) acquisition of such land under the Land Acquisition Act; or (ii) resumption of such land by a soldier or a seaman for personal cultivation.

[\(2\)](#) The lands reserved for persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes shall be granted in accordance with such rules as may be prescribed. [\(2A\)](#) Notwithstanding anything in any law, no land granted under this section shall be transferred by the grantee or his legal representatives for a period of fifteen years from the date of the grant except by way of mortgage in favour of a financial institution and for the purposes specified in subsection (2) of section 61. [\(2B\)](#) The Deputy Commissioner or the authorised officer shall forward a copy of the order granting land under this section to the concerned SubRegistrar who shall, notwithstanding anything in the Registration Act, 1908 (Central Act 16 of 1908) or any other law, register the same.

[\(3\)](#) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), the State Government may, if it considers that any land vesting in it is required for any public purpose, reserve such land for such purpose.

A vibrant, sunlit forest scene. A narrow dirt path winds through a dense thicket of green ferns and undergrowth. Tall, slender trees with lush green canopies rise on either side, with sunlight filtering through the leaves, creating a dappled light effect. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

Thank you